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Re: Application of Eiko KATO, Tadashi YONEDA, and Eiji OGATA
AGENT FOR SKIN EXTERNAL USE CONTAINING SALT OF ASCORBIC
ACID DERIVATIVE, METHOD FOR STABILIZING THE AGENT FOR SKIN
EXTERNAL USE, AND STABILIZER
Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.
Our Ref: Q78079

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- a copy of the International Application.
- a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- an Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the ISR.
- a copy of the IPER.
- a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- a copy of each reference cited in the ISR.
- a Preliminary Amendment.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

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| Total claims | <u>18</u> | - | <u>20</u> | = | x \$50.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Independent claims | <u>3</u> | - | <u>3</u> | = | x \$200.00 | = | \$0.00 |
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| Examination Fee* | | | | | | | \$200.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | | | | \$900.00 |
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* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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